



# NEWSLETTER

## Heathfield Infants Newsletter

### Welcome and Best Attendance



Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful break. The children have returned well rested and have settled back into school life with great enthusiasm. Best Attendance this week was achieved by **Robin Class** in Reception with 97% and **Woodpecker Class** in KS1 with 98%. Last week was amazing too with



**Hummingbird Class** and **Wren Class** both achieving 99%! Well done!



### What We Have Been Doing

This week the children in **Nursery** have been learning our new phonemes 'a' and 's' thinking about items beginning with those sounds. If you would like any help with the letter sounds, we can let you know about suitable resources you can use. Please let us know if you would like any. We understand some parents have had access problems to Tapestry. There was an update and parents had to re-install the software which has appeared to resolve any problems. Please try this and let us know if you are still having problems.



Next week is Science Week and the children are invited to wear a science themed outfit on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January for example skeleton, doctors coats, anything with a nature theme or space. We hope you have a lovely weekend.



This week the **Reception** children have continued to look at our new book which is set in an Indian Jungle. The children have been thinking carefully about fierce animals and how they can describe them. They have also been creating their own jungle pictures using a variety of materials. They have looked at Google Earth and seen where India is in comparison to the UK and whether it is a hot or cold country. This week in maths we have been practising our counting skills and recognition of numbers. Please keep practising recognising numbers to 20 at home.



The circus definitely came to town in **Year 1** this week! We had a very exciting Wednesday when Nick the circus technician visited our school. The children thoroughly enjoyed trying out balancing feathers on their chins, plates on their fingers, riding unicycles and balancing on the tight rope. We have also been using photographs to investigate what the circus looked like a long time ago. We found out that they were very different and often used animals in their shows. In science we have been sorting and grouping animals into different categories. We watched this fun clip to find out about mammals, insects, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians:



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHYi4fqeEdw&list=RDPHYi4fqeEdw&start\\_radio=1&safe=active](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHYi4fqeEdw&list=RDPHYi4fqeEdw&start_radio=1&safe=active)

**Year 2** have started a new book called 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. We have been pretending to be one of the crayons and writing in role to Duncan using persuasive language. In maths we have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes and finding lines of symmetry. Next week is Science Week and we are really looking forward to all the exciting activities we will be taking part in such as building our own marble run. If you have any cardboard tubes please bring them in for us to use.



### Heathfield Schools' PTA

Dear Parents,

I know you will want to join me in thanking Hayley Brown for her work on the PTA. Hayley has decided to step down from her role as PTA chair for the last year. Prior to being chair she had been the secretary for 4 years. During her time on the group it has gone from strength to strength in terms of the quality of events and the money raised for the school. Hayley has been key to much of that success. Her organisation, commitment and energy combined with her inclusive and friendly nature will be sorely missed. The schools have benefited enormously from the work Hayley and her colleagues have achieved and Hayley leaves the PTA in a good position to continue its excellent work. To do that we need a larger PTA and, therefore, we are asking for parents to step forward and join...something Hayley did 5 years ago! Once again, from all at Heathfield, a huge thank you to Hayley Brown.



### Science Week – January 2019

As part of our exciting Science Week next week, we have arranged for Science Boffins to visit Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019. They will be running assemblies and workshops and children will be learning about the three states of matter, featuring “dry ice burps, giant bubbles and fire extinguishers”. The workshops will provide an exciting and interactive opportunity for children to get involved in science. Please remember to complete and return the slip on the letter sent home recently (copies are available from the office) with your £4.00 contribution (correct money only) in an envelope with your child's name and class written clearly on the front or you can pay online at [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com). Linked in with Science Week, we will also be having a scientific fancy dress competition! On Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 we ask that children come in to school in their best science themed costume. We will be awarding prizes for the best fancy dress at the end of the day. A letter was sent home at the beginning of the week with all the details.



### Recorder and Infant Band

Thank you so much for all your interest in the Recorder Club and Infant Band. I have been inundated with requests for children to come along and I apologise if I was unable to give your child a place due to such high demand. I will continue to run both clubs in the Summer Term, and will prioritise those children who weren't lucky enough to get a place this term so please look out for further information after the Easter holidays. If any pupils drop out of either club this term I will, of course, offer the space to the next child on the waiting list. Thank you again for your continued support. Mr Speck



## Heathfield Nursery

Will your child be 3 years old  
before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019?

Did you know you are entitled to a  
**FREE nursery place?**

Come to our **Nursery open afternoon** on  
**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** from 1.30-3.00pm

(Entrance on Longford Road, Whitton)

### City Cranes

City Cranes is a new company who provide netball and football clubs within schools. If your child is interested in getting involved in any of the sports activities they offer, please visit their website.

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